

HIGH SCHOOL 'FRATS' AGAIN UNDER FIRE

Principals Asked if Official Recognition Should Be Given by Board.

NOW EXIST 'SUB ROSA'

Harry B. Chambers Suggests Faculty Supervision Might Be Introduced.

Recognition of high school fraternities, which have never ceased to exist in most schools, although technically barred by the Board of Education, may be brought about through a questionnaire which Harry B. Chambers, a new member of the Board, has had sent to the high school principals.

The questionnaire was sent out on Monday by A. Emerson Palmer, secretary of the Board. It asks for information on the advisability of permitting secret societies in the high schools subject to faculty supervision.

Edward C. Zabarskie, principal of the Washington Irving High School, said last night:

"I have no opinion to express on the question propounded, for the reason that we have never had any practical experience in Washington Irving High School with fraternities. Hence I have had no opportunity to form an opinion. My belief is that fraternities were largely confined to the boys of high schools."

Arthur A. Boylan, principal of the George Washington High School, said:

"I think it would be a great mistake, perhaps, to allow legislation at this time on this topic, but I do feel that a frank recognition of the fraternities' right to exist might be good. There is now a bylaw prohibiting fraternities in high schools, but as a matter of fact the fraternities have never gone out of existence. They have flourished in practically every high school in the city, so that in effect we have been teaching the youngsters to evade a law by subterfuge."

"The fraternity in itself does no harm and at the same time it does no good. But these young animals are social animals and will gather in groups. It matters very little, in my opinion, whether you call the group a team or a fraternity."

William L. Felter, principal of the Girls' High School in Brooklyn, will advance another view. He said:

"Other cities took the lead in abolishing the secret societies and New York followed them. The secret societies developed social butterflies and a set of snobs. We have had faculty supervision and found that it did not work. The fraternities can be abolished in any high school if some spineless principals will take a firm stand."

Gilbert J. Raynor of Commercial High School in Brooklyn asserted that the fraternities are undesirable and "a bawling for students." He recalled, as did Mr. Boylan, that a few years ago, when fraternities were recognized, a teacher was assigned to each and sat in the meetings. He said these teachers believed the "frats" were undesirable.

Mr. Chambers, who has been mentioned as a possibility for president of the Board of Education, says he has an open mind on the question.

"I have not decided whether the fraternities should be permitted or not," he said yesterday. "They may work a lot of harm, but on the other hand, under faculty supervision, that might not be true. If they are to be permitted at all it certainly should be under supervision. Some fraternity members asked me to look into the matter and I thought the best way to investigate was to request the opinions of high school principals who are better able to judge than any one else."

FULL DRESS TWINS START 'EM SEEIN' THINGS BY DAY

Ex-Governor Whitman and a Virginia Judge Left Running in Circles by Dusky Baggage Handlers at Pier.

The dusky Louisiana twins, Grover Cleveland Hall and Alfred Blanchard Hall, who handle baggage on the pier of the Ward Line, introduced themselves yesterday to former Gov. Charles S. Whitman of this city and Justice Arthur M. Chichester of Leesburg, Va., who arrived by the steamship Orizaba, and later caused some confusion in the minds of the New Yorker and the Virginian. Mr. Whitman asked Grover to attend to his baggage and when a twin came down a gangplank dragging the baggage of Justice Chichester Mr. Whitman remonstrated. A broad and radiant Louisiana smile greeted Mr. Whitman, who was informed that the twin, who was the other fellow, had received no orders from the ex-Governor. The other twin, that is, the one Mr. Whitman had talked to originally, appeared at another gangplank with the baggage of Mr. Whitman and was informed by Justice Chichester that the baggage was not his, the Justice's, but Mr. Whitman's, and the twin said he knew it and that he reckoned Justice Chichester must have given an order to his, the twin's, brother.

The Justice and the ex-Governor then began to run around in circles, seeing twins with large flashing smiles everywhere. Francis Lewis, in charge of the baggage handlers, stopped their evolutions by explaining things.

The Hall boys, who are 28, are called the full dress twins by men on the pier, as they always report for duty with their uniforms pressed and their shoes highly polished. Grover may be distinguished from his brother by a little red feather he wears in his cap and when he transfers the feather to the cap of Alfred Blanchard the latter becomes Grover to everybody on the pier except the twins themselves. They attend a night college in this city.

from the order setting aside the will they have twenty days within which to file notice.

The Surrogate declined again yesterday to make any comment on the protest of the eight jurymen who gave out a statement on Sunday saying that they considered his setting aside of their verdict a distortion of justice. A. Montefiore Levy, chairman of the committee on practice and procedure of the New York County Lawyers' Association, said:

"The Eno case is an excellent example of conscientious jurymen erring, and corrected by an able judge. On account of its legal and public interest I followed the trial of the case with care, and in my humble opinion the setting aside of the verdict was a vindication of justice."

If Eno's relatives desire to appeal

AGREE TO SETTING ASIDE ENO VERDICT

Case on Calendar for Trial Again Next Month.

Counsel for all parties interested in the will of Amos F. Eno appeared before Surrogate Foley in chambers yesterday and gave their consent to the formal entry of an order embodying the ruling of the Surrogate setting aside the verdict of the jury, which declared in favor of the heirs of Eno, who brought a contest of his will on the ground that he was not of sound mind when he made it.

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BANDIT GETS \$6,500 FROM GIRL; ESCAPES

Jumps Into Waiting Taxicab After Seizing Payroll of Harlem Concern.

POLICE SHOTS IGNORED

Two Gunmen Hold Up Messenger on His Way to Reserve Bank, but Get No Loot.

A bag containing a payroll of \$6,500 was snatched from Miss Ray Abel, bookkeeper of Deutsch Brothers Furniture Company, at Third avenue and 123d street, yesterday afternoon, virtually in the presence of a detective and scores of other persons. The thief grabbed the bag as Miss Abel stepped out of a taxicab in front of the furniture store, and she grappled with him. The detective fired a shot that so scared the young woman that she released her hold of the robber, enabling him to jump into

a taxicab that then disappeared in a mass of traffic. The machine was found abandoned later in the Bronx with \$30 in silver lying on the floor.

Miss Abel had been making the trip to the Chatham and Phoenix National Bank, Lenox avenue and 125th street, at the same hour every Tuesday for the five years she has been in the employ of the furniture company. She rode yesterday, as was her custom, in a taxicab, but did not learn until after the robbery that she had been followed by the thief in another machine from the time she started for the bank until he relieved her of the payroll.

Detective Michael Murphy of the East 126th street station was only a few hundred yards away when Miss Abel screamed. He saw the young woman grapple with the robber and fired a shot into the air, intending to scare the thief, but it had the opposite effect.

The robber darted into the waiting taxicab as Miss Abel released her grip and the machine turned east in 123d street. The chauffeur of the automobile that Miss Abel had used tried to turn around to give chase, but he found it impossible to do so because of the dense traffic in Third avenue.

Detective Murphy got another automobile and started after the taxicab. As his machine turned into 123d street he fired two shots at the fleeing taxicab, but both shots apparently went wild. The taxicab had obtained a good start and turned west into Second avenue before the detective was half way east through 123d street. When Murphy got to Second avenue the taxicab had disappeared.

Miss Abel collapsed soon after she

entered the furniture store and had to be attended by a physician. When she was revived she gave the police an excellent description of the robber. He was about 30 years old, she said, clean shaven, neatly dressed in a dark suit and wore a fedora hat. Miss Abel said she never had seen the man before. The police believe that the robber was well acquainted with the movements of the bookkeeper and that the chauffeur of the taxicab was a confederate.

Policeman Carver of the Alexander avenue station came upon the abandoned taxicab in front of 533 East 149th street, The Bronx. Witnesses said the machine had been driven up to that point by two men who had got out and walked toward St. Ann's avenue. The policeman found two rolls of quarters and one roll of half dollars in the wrappers of the Chatham and Phoenix National Bank, in the rear of the car. The silver apparently had been dropped by the thief in his haste to get away.

Two men armed with revolvers tried to hold up Benjamin Garbowitch of 122 Ludlow street, messenger for the Bank of United States at 77 Delancey street, when he started from the bank last night at midnight carrying a brief case filled with checks en route to the Federal Reserve Bank at Pine and Nassau streets. They fired one shot at Garbowitch, which went through the messenger's overcoat, but they did not succeed in getting the bag.

Garbowitch told the police of the Old Slip station that he went across the street after leaving the bank, intending to take a Second avenue elevated train downtown. At Allen and Delancey streets, he said, two men jumped at him. One of them pushed him against a wall and grabbed for the bag, and the

other fired when the messenger struggled. After firing both bandits ran. Garbowitch said he chased them for a block, but they escaped.

The messenger then went on to the Reserve Bank and delivered his checks. The police say that Garbowitch sometimes carries as much as \$500,000 worth of checks in his trips from the Bank of the United States to the Reserve Bank, but that he never carries any cash. It is not known how much was in the bag last night.

Four bandits who tried to hold up Leonard Langley of 35 Macon street, Brooklyn, manager of the almoner's office of the St. George Society, at 361 West Broadway, became angry when they found that he had nothing more valuable than a \$2 watch. One fired at him, the bullet grazing Langley's abdomen on the left side and inflicting a slight flesh wound. Then they ran downstairs and escaped in an automobile.

Herbert J. Slabery, who said he lived in Seventy-second street, near Columbus avenue, was arrested yesterday afternoon after a chase, charged with holding up the United Cigar store at 331 First avenue. The clerk, Joseph Mann, was shoved into a back room and the cash register was looted. Mann chased Slabery to Second avenue, where he was caught by a policeman.

COVER BLOWN UP FIFTY FEET.

ATLANTIC CITY, March 14.—A man-hole cover in front of the Elks Lodge at Atlantic and Maryland avenues, in the business section of the city, was blown fifty feet aloft this afternoon by one of four subterranean explosions, probably due to the ignition of gas from an electric spark under ground.

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